

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION, at ARTANUM,
Near Tampico, Yakima County, Washington.

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Near Tampico, Antanum Valley, Yakima County, Washington

OWNER:-- A. D. Eglin

DATE OF ERECTION:-- First in 1849, burned and rebuilt 1860-70

BUILDER:-- Original, by Fathers Pandosey and Blanchet.
Rebuilt by Fathers St Onge and Boulet.

PRESENT CONDITION:-- Good

NUMBER OF STORIES:-- One story

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION:-- Squared logs with mortise and tenon
corner joint construction. Shingle roof.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS:-- Father D'Herbomez, with brothers of the
Oblates, established the Yakima Mission in 1847, maintaining it
until 1855, at which time he was forced to retire by the Indian
war.

The mission of the Antanum, later to become known as the St.
Joseph's Mission, was first located near the present town of
Wapato, on the north side of Yakima River, near the present res-
idence of W. P. Sawyer, a spot known by the Indians as Aleshecas
in 1849, by Fathers Pandosy and Brother Blanchet. The mission
was a hut-like structure of adobe clay plastered on a frame of
sticks, with a rude chapel attached to the hut.

The mission at Aleshecas, abandoned in 1852 that, near the
present Tampico, became St. Joseph's Mission. During the war
of 1855, soldiers, regulars under Major Rains, with Col. Nesmith
of the volunteers, finding the mission on the Antanum deserted
and a keg of powder secreted, assumed that the Fathers were
aiding the Indians, in reprisal burned the mission. This
accusation was later refuted by all authorities including Gen-
eral Grant.

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The war of 1855-6, the burning of the mission, caused the suspension of Catholic missions until 1867-8 when Fathers St Onge and Boulet reestablished and built the present mission building. It is interesting to note that in 1872 these Fathers set out the first apple orchard on the Tampico place which is now the A. D. Eglin ranch, the first apple trees planted in the Yakima Valley.

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